MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at City Hall, 414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Lisa T. Pelofsky, President Commissioner Alvin L. Brooks, Vice President Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt, Treasurer Commissioner Michael C. Rader, Member Darryl Forté, Chief of Police Mr. David V. Kenner, Secretary/Attorney

ABSENT:

Mayor Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr., Member

This meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Commissioner Pelofsky. The invocation was provided by Monsignor Bradley Offutt.

1. Awards and Commendations.

P.O. Johnathon Dawdy received the Meritorious Service Award for numerous self-initiated arrests made in addition to his primary wagon duties.

Detective Janna Eikel received the Meritorious Service Award for her over 25 years of service and her excellent work formulating a plan to clear unsolved sex crimes using recently developed DNA evidence technology. Several sex offenders have been arrested and charged.

The Perpetrator Information Center received a Special Unit Citation for their ability to analyze crime and intelligence data becoming a full-service

analytical center promoting information sharing throughout the law enforcement community.

The Board took a recess at 9:19 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. David Kenner presented Board Resolution No. 13-02 honoring

Commissioner Patrick A. McInerney for his service to the Board. The Board honored him with a certificate and ceremonial baton. The Board members and Chief Forté each thanked Commissioner McInerney.

Example 2. Kansas City Crime Commission. Mr. Barry Mayer, Vice President of the Kansas City Crime Commission, presented the Crime Stoppers Monthly Update for April 2013. He said in April 387 tips were received raising the year-to-date total to 1,259 compared to 1,298 in 2012. Seventy-eight arrests resulted from these tips and 110 cases were cleared.

Mr. Mayer said there has been \$22,800 in rewards paid year-to-date in 2013, compared to \$13,700 in 2012.

- 3. <u>Councilman John Sharp, Public Safety and Emergency Services</u>

 <u>Committee</u>. Councilman Sharp said that last week the City Council passed an ordinance which extended the contract with the red light camera vendor for five years. He said the red light cameras have changed the behavior of drivers resulting in fewer accidents, and fewer tickets are being issued.
- 4. <u>Councilman Jim Glover</u>. Councilman Glover, Councilman Russ Johnson and Bruce Campbell with the Public Works Department discussed a proposed plan for downtown parking enforcement. Councilman Johnson discussed the

current MOU between the Kansas City Police Department and the City's Public Works Department which was developed prior to the opening of the Power & Light District and Sprint Center. He said the City Public Works Department handles on-street parking enforcement by issuing parking citations, towing illegally parked and abandoned vehicles, and addressing complaints that come in to the Action Center. He said on-street parking is very important to the stakeholders in these areas to accommodate visitors who need to park for short periods as opposed to parking all day.

Councilman Johnson said the City would like to modify the MOU to include third party enforcement which would provide better stakeholder service, appropriate staffing levels, operational efficiency, reduced management, and the use of new technology to accomplish this. The responsibilities of the third party contractor will include issuance of parking citations, the notification of proper authorities when impounding is needed, and handling complaints.

Councilman Johnson said the City will pass an ordinance that will establish a parking policy review board that will decide the parameters of the new parking plan.

Councilman Jim Glover said the management of on-street parking is an important issue to the City. He said the reason there are one or two hour parking restrictions and loading zones is to facilitate commerce and many times drivers are parking in these areas longer than the restricted times, sometimes all day. Currently, these issues are not being addressed by parking enforcement.

Commissioner Pelofsky said the police board members often get questions about parking and she is glad this issue is being discussed.

Chief Forté agrees that something needs to be done about the parking enforcement and asked that the police department be included on the parking policy review board. He said the former Chief signed the current MOU. Chief Forté said he would prefer that the Board sign any future parking enforcement MOU.

Commissioner Pelofsky asked how many parking meters are inoperable at any given time. Mr. Campbell said there are 1,550 meters and probably 10 to 15 percent are inoperable. He said the City is finalizing negotiations on third party contract for meter repairs and collections; using a third party vendor for meter repairs and maintenance should raise the operability percentage to 95-98 percent. He advised that all meters are coin operated and the City is weeks away from closing negotiations on a pay-by-phone application so citizens can use a smart phone to pay for parking.

Commissioner Pelofsky inquired about citizen input on this process. Councilman Glover said citizens, business owners and tenants are invited to express their opinions at public meetings related to this issue. Additionally, he said no parking new parking regulation can be passed without approval of the City Council.

Commissioner Brooks asked if Chief Forté will appoint someone to work with the parking policy review board. The Chief said yes.

5. Approval of minutes.

Commissioner Wasson-Hunt suggested two changes to the minutes of April 23, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Brooks approving the minutes of April 23, 2013, as amended. The vote was 3-0 in favor with Commissioner Rader abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader approving the minutes of the May 10, 2013 swearing in. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

6. <u>City Architects report.</u> Mr. Eric Bosch provided the Board with an update on current construction projects. He said concrete has been poured for the ceiling of the new Board room at headquarters and the tower is progressing also. Demolition continues on the first, sixth and seventh floors along with lead and asbestos abatement. Completion is on schedule for early 2014.

With regard to the new EPD and crime lab, 30 houses have been taken down and 40 are in stages of abatement, demolition, or the City is in the process of awarding contracts for these services. Mr. Bosch said he is willing to meet with the Commissioners individually to discuss the design plans for the building.

7. <u>Chief Darryl Forté</u>. Chief Forté said the first phase of the Law Enforcement Resource Center (LERC) has been accomplished which was the centralization of the crime analysts. The crime analysts have offices at 901 Charlotte and KCTEW is housed there also.

Chief Forté said a community event has been scheduled for the last weekend in July at Central Park near Central High School. He said the Department will contract with Benny Gonzalez to plan this event. Officers' families will be invited to attend as well.

8. <u>Investigations Bureau</u>. Deputy Chief Randy Hopkins reported that year-to date there have been 37 homicides with 43 for the same time period in 2012.

Deputy Chief Hopkins said there are 1,040 cases that have been presented to the prosecutor and charges were filed in 843 of these.

With regard to drive-by shootings, there have been 52 year-to-date for 2013, as compared to 65 last year 2012.

Deputy Randy Hopkins submitted the Narcotics and Vice Summary for April 2013. This report is Attachment "A" and is made a part of these minutes.

9. <u>Executive Officer</u>.

Major Steve Young submitted the monthly OCC investigations report dated May 3, 2013. There were 26 OCC's under investigation at the end of May none of which were granted extensions beyond 60 days. IAU has received a total of 57 OCC's this year compared to 51 during the same period last year. There were 45 investigations that were completed and forwarded to OCC compared to 60 for the same period last year.

10. Administration Bureau.

a. <u>Personnel summary</u>. Deputy Chief Randy Hundley submitted the personnel summary dated May 7, 2013. Current department strength is 1,362 law enforcement personnel compared to 1,363 for this same time period in 2012.

Civilian strength is 578 positions compared to 570 positions for the same time period 2012.

b. <u>Project status information</u>. Major Greg Volker presented a memorandum dated May 3, 2013 which provided an update on Information Services Division projects related to Tiburon, REJIS, and Sprint issues.

With regard to Tiburon, the computer aided dispatch (CAD) service upgrade was completed in April 2013 and the database was moved to a virtual server in March 2013. Within the records management system the juvenile module migration from the old system was completed and became functional as of April 2013. This migration was a four year project. The police department has been 100 percent NIBRS compliant since December 2009.

As for REJIS, mobile ticketing is now available for use on every MDC in patrol vehicles. Advanced authentication requirements, as required by federal guidelines, were completed for every MDC in Patrol Bureau elements and Investigations Bureau elements will be completed prior to September 2013. A new E-Ticketing software release will occur on June 15.

Major Volker said the Sprint LTE network access improvements are seen daily by end users on the police department. One issue is that the LTE network works most efficiently on a 4G network and most police department phones are only 3G capable.

In-car routers to enable "wifi" capability are being tested in seven patrol vehicles with good results. This will be eventually be deployed to all patrol

vehicles which will provide a better connection for MDC's. This will cost about \$200 per vehicle.

Mr. Kent Thomas, Senior Wireless Engineer with Sprint, provided an update on connectivity and service upgrade options.

11. Professional Development and Research Bureau.

Major Rich Lockhart submitted the basic training class summary dated May 21, 2013. He said there are two EOC's currently in session, one class graduates on August 15, 2013 with 30 recruits, and the 149th EOC began last week with 38 recruits. The 149th EOC contains 11 minority recruits, five being female.

Chief Forté thanked Director Nick Nichols and his staff for their outstanding work in Human Resources. Chief said they have done an excellent job in recruitment.

Major Lockhart presented the consent agenda items for approval and Board members said they were unable to download the information onto their I-Pad devices. The consent agenda items (a), (b), and (c), were tabled until the next Board meeting. Item (d), entitled budget transfers, will be presented under the Executive Service Bureau tab.

- **12.** Executive Services Bureau. Major Diane Mozzicato presented the following items for Board approval:
- a. <u>Cooperative Disability Investigations funding agreement</u>. A memorandum dated May 8, 2013, which outlines the details of a funding agreement received from the Social Security Administration for participation in

the Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) Unit Task Force. This agreement will be in effect from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014, and the Social Security Administration will reimburse the police department up to the sum of \$345,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Brooks accepting the funding agreement from the Social Security Administration for participation in the CDI Unit Task Force, for the sum of up to \$345,000. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

b. <u>Midwest HIDTA Investigative Support Center MOU</u>. A memorandum dated April 25, 2013, was submitted to request acceptance of the MOU with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for the Midwest HIDTA Investigative Support Center Initiative for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. The total award amount is \$328,259.68.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brooks with a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt accepting the MOU with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in the amount of \$328,259.68 for the Midwest HIDTA Investigative Support Center Initiative. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

c. <u>Budget transfers for fiscal year 2013-14</u>. A memorandum dated May 20, 2013, was submitted which outlines the details of these budget transfers. A copy of this memorandum is Attachment "B" and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, with a second by Commissioner Rader approving the budget transfers as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

d. <u>Police processions and parades fee, fiscal year 2013-14</u>. A memorandum dated April 25, 2013 was submitted for approval of the parade fees. This item was previously presented to the Board and was approved, however, an error in the calculation of the fees was discovered so this amended fee schedule was submitted for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt with a second by Commissioner Rader approving the police processions and parade fees as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

e. Supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2013-14.

A memorandum dated May 2, 2013, was submitted for approval to establish appropriations and revenues for the U.S. Port Security Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brooks, and a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt approving the establishment of supplemental appropriations as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

f. <u>Budget transfers for fiscal year 2013-14</u>. A memorandum dated May 15, 2013, was submitted which outlines the details of these budget transfers. A copy of this memorandum is Attachment "C" and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, with a second by Commissioner Brooks approving the budget transfers as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

13. Patrol Bureau. Deputy Chief Bob Kuehl presented the monthly crime summary dated March 2013. A copy of the Crime Summary is marked as Attachment "D" and attached to these minutes.

In regard to the Traffic Summary, there were three fatalities during April 2013, with 15 total year-to-date compared to 25 year-to-date for the same period last year. A copy of the Traffic Summary is marked as Attachment "E" and attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Pelofsky inquired about the new seatbelt ordinance. Major Jim Pruetting said the new primary seatbelt violation ordinance went into effect on May 26, 2013.

Chief Forté said it has been suggested to the officers that they explain the new ordinance to violators rather than issue summonses for the short term, until the community has learned that this new ordinance is in effect.

Major Pruetting said 12 separate checkpoints were conducted throughout the City and informational pamphlets were distributed to the division stations and to officers for handing out to citizens.

Deputy Chief Kuehl thanked Major Pruetting and his staff for the great job in getting this information out to the public prior to full enforcement of the new ordinance.

Commissioner Pelofsky thanked Deputy Chief Kuehl for the "Know Your Limit" program that was held recently.

- **14.** Office of Community Complaints. Ms. Fain welcomed Commissioner Rader to the Board and said she and her staff are looking forward to working with him.
- a. <u>Job reclassification requests for OCC</u>. Ms. Fain submitted a memorandum dated April 18, 2013, entitled Job Reclassification Requests for the Office of Community Complaints. She said this matter has been fully vetted by OCC, the police department and the Board since 2010. Chief Forté said he is in support of this reclassification.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brooks with a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt approving the job reclassification requests for the Office of Community Complaints as presented.

- **15.** <u>Audit Committee update</u>. Commissioner Wasson-Hunt had nothing to report at this time.
- **16.** Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 99. Officer Steve Miller welcomed and congratulated Commissioner Rader on his appointment to the Board.

Officer Miller said it was a successful legislative season in Jefferson City with the passage of the political activity bill and the pension reform bill. Officer Miller thanked everyone involved in helping to get these bills passed including the Mayor and his staff and the Board of Police Commissioners.

Commissioner Brooks requested an update on pension reform. Officer

Miller will contact Jim Pyle to request a presentation at a future Board meeting.

17. David V. Kenner. Mr. Kenner advised that the Board will postpone the election of board officers until the next Board meeting.

18. Scheduled meetings.

Regular Board Meetings:

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:00 a.m., South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park Drive, Annex Building Multi-Purpose Room, Kansas City

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 9:00 a.m., Regional Police Academy, 6885 N.E. Pleasant Valley Road, Auditorium, Kansas City

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rader and by vote indicated below, to adjourn its open meeting at 11:17 a.m. and reconvene in closed session at 11:37 a.m. as provided in the following resolution. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, notice of the board meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was given on March 12, 2013, and

WHEREAS, said notice indicated that the Board of Police Commissioners might go into closed session during said meeting, and

WHEREAS, notice of the closed meeting follows the guidelines of Section 610.020 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Police Commissioners go into closed session during the meeting being held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at City Hall, 414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, litigation matters, and labor negotiations.

The following Commissioners were present and voted to go into closed session as follows:

Commissioner Lisa T. Pelofsky - Aye
Commissioner Alvin Brooks - Aye
Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt - Aye
Commissioner Michael C. Rader - Aye

There being a quorum present and the question of holding a closed session having received an affirmative public vote of at least three (3) members, a closed meeting was held as set forth above.

- 1) Following a motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2013 meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor.
- 2) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and a second by Commissioner Rader, the Board voted to approve the non-duty related disability retirement of Sergeant Bernadette Bond. The vote was 3-1 in favor.
- 3) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and a second by Commissioner Brooks, the Board voted to approve the non-duty related disability retirement of Police Officer Deborah Yelverton. The vote was 4-0 in favor.
- 4) Following a motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, the Board voted to approve the duty related disability retirement of Police Officer Michael Glass. The vote was 4-0 in favor.
- 5) Following a motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, the Board voted to approve the application for continued employment of Reserve Police Officer Chris Jefferson. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

- 6) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and a second by Commissioner Rader, the Board voted to approve the application for continued employment of Master Detective Randall Morris. The vote was 4-0 in favor.
- 7) Following a motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner Rader, the Board voted to come out of closed session. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Following polling, Commissioner Brooks voted Aye, Commissioner Rader voted Aye, Commissioner Wasson-Hunt voted Aye, and Commissioner Pelofsky voted aye.
- 8) Following a motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, the Board voted to adjourn. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

	President
Secretary/Attorney	